

**Alternative Energy Committee
May 21, 2013**

Members present: Larry Bean, Chair; Burke Henry, Vice Chair and Tom Banner

Members absent: Carl Frederickson and Glenn Carlson.

Also present:

Public present:

1. Call to order.

The Alternative Energy Committee meeting called to order by Chair Larry Bean on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in the members listed above.

1. To Select Solar Site Assessment Contractor

Two Requests for Proposals were received by the deadline date of May 15, 2013; one from John Johanning of Let It Shine for \$1400.00 and a proposal from Kurt Nelson of SOLutions who misread the number of sites at 6 instead of 9 and stated his price at \$200/site plus expenses. The Town Board at the May 14, 2013 Town Board meeting accepted the proposal from John Johanning in the amount of \$1400.00.

The Alternative Energy Committee is meeting today to recommend to the Town Board, for the record, the selection of a solar site assessment contractor.

Motion by B. Henry that the Alternative Energy Committee recommends that the solar site assessment contract be given to John Johanning in the amount of \$1400.00. Second, T. Banner. No discussion. All in favor, all aye, motion carried.

L. Bean said he attended the May 14, 2013 Town Board meeting to present the requests for proposals and Supervisor Ham Ross mentioned that the Library has conducted a solar site assessment. L. Bean talked to Connie Ross, Library Director and what the Library requested was an estimate for a cooling system that uses solar power. The Library is considering the back of the La Pointe Community Clinic to install the solar collectors.

The Library realizes that the Clinic needs a new roof first. The Library is open to putting in enough collectors to meet the needs of the Library and the Clinic. This has ramifications because this will downsize the possible solar installation at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). L. Bean has asked G. Carlson to put together the annual electrical consumption for the Library and the Clinic. When L. Bean receives that information he will meet with Kimberly Jones, Chair of the Library Board and Connie Ross.

G. Carlson will pay for his site assessment as will L. Bean. L. Bean will update the Town Board at the May 28, 2013 Town Board meeting.

The Town Board asked that we re-examine the audit we conducted in 2009. The costs have changed so before the end of the month L. Bean will try to update the figures. L. Bean said the Town is overlooking outdoor lighting which is a #1 priority; the biggest portion of the lighting cost occurs at the Ferry Dock. L. Bean talked to Gary Russell, Madeline Island Ferry Lines, and found out there is a fund that will pay for 80% of lighting. We could use that as a match for another grant as we go on to other funding. Need to plan that out.

2. Set next meeting and agenda.

Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 6th. L. Bean will send out an email notification of the meeting.

The solar site assessments will be completed by then.

3. Adjourn.

Motion by T. Banner to adjourn, second, B. Henry. All in favor, all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant

Minutes approved as presented June 20, 2013